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The Leading Candidate for the Gallows.

The law fortunately provides the extreme form of punishment for the erime which the Constitution defines as adhering to the enemies of the United States, giving them aid and

Whenever a conspicuous example of treasonable performance comes to the attention of the loval American public we hear from every side loud and just demands for the infliction of the death penalty. Such an incident of retribution would, in fact, afford a most instructive object lesson and a most valuable deterrent. Tue Sun has no plea for mercy to interpose.

There is one criminal, however, who should have preference and precedence over all others of his traitorous kind when that justice which travels with

There is no question of the nationality of the premier traitor now operating against American interests and the American cause. He has been with us for many years. He has voted with us, legislated for us, helped spend our tax money, held office in almost every department of our goverumental service.

This king-pin traitor is adhering to the enemy more closely than a brother. He is giving the enemy aid and comfort in a thousand ways-in ten thoutry a flagitious loss of time and opportunity, of human life, of treasure

We should like to draw and print in full the indictment of this traitor for the treason that is punishable with death; but a hundred pages of THE SUN would scarcely contain the bare enumeration of the counts that crowd upon the mind and pen at the mere mention of his unbounded culpability. The worst crimes of the year 1917 are chargeable to him.

unners out of ammunition. He has killed our own men with pneumonia and has shielded our enemies from hope for the best from them. Perexplosives. He has foozled for a year the whole necessary primary business of providing our forces with guns, machine as well as hand. He has dewrits of arrest and his injunctions on the Marne. effective action and his ne exeats on marched detachments of our national HYLAN believes them to be. on paper in pigeonholes; has built for the regions of frost hospitals inhabitable only beneath the equatorial minutes are needed to throw a dis- of the Spokane and Eastern Trust sun. Worst of all, perhaps, under the honest or incompetent commissioner Company, will have to discriminate and thirsting to begin, allas of Political Custom he has kept out of office. cut of the nation's service men fit to win the war, and has held in places of

These are but a few of the things mough to hang him.

electrocution chair or to the dead wall facing the firing squad of executioners -we care little which!

tion's salvation and for America's under the North River. success in the great war.

Let the New Year's resolution of he Federal Administration, of the Congress at Washington, of the people in every part of our blessed and long suffering land be the same :

Death to the prime traitor among us: death to Red Tape!

The Right Side of the Shield. During the past three or four days highly significant change has occurred in the attitude of the Allies loward the proposals of peace put out to the world by the Tenton Powers with Bolshevik assistance. These terms are no langer dismissed as un-

worthy of a moment's consideration in the Brest-Litovsk programme a serious tentative, not merely a trick or bluff, a thing to be kicked forthwith out of hearing.

As further details are received conerning the principles formulated by the Russian delegates the factors of restoration and indemnity for damages begin to appear, though velled in a vague plan for an international fund to be contributed by all the belligerents. Even in the Kaiser's reported proposal to transfer his peace making plans to Vox HERTLING there may be seen the possibility of a disposition to meet what must be to him the most galling feature of the conditions declared to be indispensable by President Witson, and fully concurred in by the British and French

Thus the whole situation is gen erally if not rapidly conforming itself to the ideas propounded and the purpose contemplated in Lord Lans-DOWNE's memorable letter of five weeks ago: that utterance of deep insight and uncompromising levalty which was so roundly denounced at first and so widely misunderstood.

There is no longer a question of rejecting summarily any definite peace terms which the Central Powermay propose. The stigma of yellow pacifism can no longer be attached to a manifestation of willingness on the part of the Allies to examine specific proposals from Berlin, to test their sincerity, to weigh them on their merits, and, with the desire of Ger many to quit satisfactorily established, to proceed by united action to meet the overtures with their own terms and conditions.

The process is entirely consistent with an unalterable determination to win that for which we are fighting. Who is not glad that eyes are now turning to the right side of the shield?

The Mayor's Appointments.

Many of the appointces of the new Mayor have yet to make their own history. Others have political histories not as reassuring as the city could wish; these are the district leaders and political backs whose appointments appear to be rewards for the recent services of MURPHY and McCooky-of whom the Brooklyn chieftain has fared more richly.

Yet at the head of two highly imput men whose records promise well: | subordinate: the Police Commissioner, Mr. Bugher, who was credited with honesty and nbility as one of Gen. BINGHAM's deputies, and the Commissioner of hours Docks and Ferries, MURRAY HULBERT. whose career in the House of Repre- or ride in the parks (Brrrrr!) in the sentatives indicated intelligence and activity such as his new post de-

The naming of men like BUGHER and HULBERT may distract attention Mayor who wishes to make office hold-He has kept our soldiers and jackies from appointments which evidently ing unpopular. have been made for partisan purposes only, although in numbers the Colers, SINNOTTS and DRENNANS are sadly in the majority. New York can only bans the Mayor will elevate them to that his speech breathes: "The government of the city must be put on a war basis." A district leader does

The Mayor's practically unknown appointees will be watched with intransportation were passing from the terest, particularly in the new Board desk of indifference to the desk of slug- of Education and the Civil Service to get into touch with one another; has we trust that they are all that Mr. age the fainthearts.

New York and Its Tunnels.

Fuel Administrator ALBERT H. executive power men capable of con- Wiggin's message to Director-Gentributing to victory only as victory eral McApoo asking permission to train must carry the last ton it can To give and yet to give bring coal through the Pennsylvania Railroad tunnels and thus relieve the traitor has done, but they are is an emphatic reminder of the de-To the gallows with him; or to the transportation, despite tubes on all production and distribution of those Leaving the guns dumb and the sides of us. New York had not fore- | commodities." seen a time when the conveyance of freight might be vastly more impor- high pressure in all trades supplying | And build in peace to higher destiniestant than the convenience of persons.

We believe SAMUEL REA, president in Manhattan are adequate to sustain and vards are not equipped for the handling of freight in any volume. they should be so used except in a just of "business as usual." very unusual emergency such as con-

fronts the city in respect of coal. Nevertheless this city should be provided against a repetition of what it has gone through so far this winter. The New York Central is able to able to do the same thing on occasion. With the Pennsylvania it is not by the Powers to which they are really a question of bringing freight in but addressed. LLOYD Group is probably of handling it when delivered at the EXCEAU. A: Washington there are side yards in Queens. We hope the signs of a new readiness to perceive new city administration will take the matter up with Mr. McApoo.

The Progress of Kultur.

Kultur has scored again. Herr BAEDEKER opened the way when in his handy little red book he referred to Padua as a famous seat of learning in the Middle Ages and the Renaissance period, a most important place in the history, of art and the repository of works by some of the greatest of Italian artists.

It is thus easy to understand why German airmen should drop bombs on Padua's ancient church of Carmini. with frescoes by Tittan and Don. AMPAGNOLA. "The dome of the massive church burned throughout the night," said the desnatch. It must have made a majestic and inspiring spectacle if the glare of the flames had reached so far as the Teuton lines along the Piave. So successful was this raid that the airmen undertook another; destroying the façade of the cathedral and damaging the Municipal Museum.

Evidently the airmen missed Don-ATELLO's great equestrian statue of SATTAMELATA. But there are still American visitors, would destroy that vonderful antique map fresco on the walls. Another one could destroy birds with one bomb, could anything be better than to wreck the Church of Sant' Antonio and destroy a mass of American flags left with votive offerings by pilgrims from this country? Could there be a better target than the beautiful colonnades of the university, one of the oldest and mos fumous universities of Europe? Or ne more fitted to Teutonic skill than the exquisite little chapel of Madonna dell' Arena. Padua's priceless treasure, with its well preserved frescoes

by Giorro? Outside of spreading the blessings of kultur it would be difficult to understand the reason for this ruthless destruction. Bombing Padua fulfils about the same military necessity as would bombing Forest Hills Garden. Long Island, or Nutley, N. J.

Mr. Hylan's Don'ts.

The Mayor's instructions to his Commissioners are surely concrete.

Work from 9 to 5.

Don't take two hours for luncheon. Don't go to baseball games in office

Den't go home in a city motor car. car, or smoke big black cigars there. Don't advertise yourself in the newspapers.

These read like the adjurations of a

The Bright Side Up for the Right Side Up.

Optimism in the seuse of a sane and cheerful and energetic view of the red tape. the fervor of patriotism and economy the immediate future does indeed characterize the utterances of business men in the January number of the magazine System. Governor W. is that it moves toward the audience layed preparations at every point of not always have to be such. Even the P. G. Hanning of the Federal Reserve to give them a close up view of the preparation, while his treasonable Apaches of Paris went gloriously to Board; R. Goodwyn Rherr, president performers. He laments that the Hon. of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States; Judge GARY, chief executive of the United States Steel gishness, girded with the vermillon Commission. It is this unknown ele- and now assisting the Secretary of away from the audience so as to give badge of delay. He has set back our ment that must be relied upon to the Treasury; Charles M. Schwan; formers and the Hon. Thomas Ewing strike a balance in favor of the JAMES S. ALEXANDER, president of will issue a patent forthwith shipbuilding programme for the better Mayor's judgment. Of the new com- the National Bank of Commerce; part of a whole year. He has held missioners that the public knows, only Charles H. Sanin, president of the back our aeroplanes, chilled women a small percentage has admirable Guaranty Trust Company; ALBA R. with envy that the Cossacks are in and children into the grave while records as public servants. We take Johnson, locomotive builder, and oth-It that those unknown to the people ers, have been interviewed without men chosen for efficiency were trying are not unknown to the Mayor; and eliciting a word or phrase to encour-

In what they say there is a warn-Four years is a long time, much ing. Business must complete the re- Boy, your country's call. longer than it takes an intelligent adjustment for war production which Mayor to discover the mistakes he has has already got well under way. made. Only a stout heart and five Bankers, says R. L. RUTTER, president in their allotments of credit as the railways have been forced to dis- She is crying, calling, crying criminate in handling freight. "Every For brain and nerve and sines. dollar in America must be employed to its fullest utility, just as every move. The Railway War Board looks All, all your fine, fresh po forward to an embargo against trans- That the glory of grass and flowers conditions in Brooklyn and Queens porting articles of waste and luxury. May through the ages wave The banks must place a similar empendence of this city upon water bargo against credit to be used in the That the sad, war sick world

IRVING T. BUSH sees business at When the humblest race may plan essential needs. "The burden of tax- This, or nothing is. The shorter the trial and the quicker Mr. McApoo himself did not foresee it ation will fall upon the rich and many

the sentence the better for the na- when the Hudson tunnels were bored articles of luxury formerly purchased by them will go unbought. The worker will be prosperous. High wages of the Pennsylvania, has stated that will be paid, and, in spite of the the terminal facilities of that railroad cost of living, the worker will enjoy a larger surplus than ever before, traffic through additional North River Part of this surplus he will save, but tunnels, but the Penusylvania station a large part will be spent in added

comfort and inxury." Several speak of the impossibility nor is it desirable or necessary that and the undesirability (to put it mild-E. MITCHELL, president of the National City Company, says candidiy: "Extravagance and luxury have not yet been frowned upon," And in the way of war adjustment "a great deal more remains to be done," declares bring freight by rail in,o Manhattan Mr. Rutti. Guy E. Tripp, chairman and handle it here, and the Pennsyl- of the board of the Westinghouse vania must be so equipped as to be Electric and Manufacturing Company, develops this point

"The restraint of non-essential business must come turough or he the rein Paris to-day conferring with CLEM- Pennsylvania station or in the Sunny- suit of governmental action because the voluntary reduction or cessation of such industries is, generally speaking, im-

> What will be the reward of the na ional effort? Judge Gary specifies: "Our country will occupy a place in the front rank of worthy nations. "Democracy . . will be firmly

"A basis for preventing future pro-

longed wars will be secured. "Our properties, our businesses will be

more valuable than ever. "Life here will be worth living

The last Item ought to appeal powerfully to those who are convinced life isn't worth living now and to whom we have sometimes to say sympathetleadly, as we gaze upon their lone, torn, Mrs. Gummidgelike faces: "Well, no; perhaps yours Isn't!"

"Fighting" McCook. The descriplive title has an odd sound these days somehow. Civil war soldiers fought under battle conditions where the element of personal courage was no more present than in this war, it may be assumed, but opportunity for the exhibition of the quality of personal bravery was greater. much courage to advance slowly methodically behind a curtain of fire marks for future raids. A bomb upon an intrenched, unsten for as to dropped through Pedrocchi's, dear to lead a tumultuous charge of cheering troops into conflict with a charging enemy, but the slow, orderly, prear rauged advance lacks the theatric ment, the tide whose flood may lead DANTE's house. And for killing two to victory but not to nicknames of fortune.

> Rejoicing that there are indications that we shall soon enjoy a slow moderation of weather. New York should nevertheless prepare for a severe January, a severe February, and perhaps

Mr. Inving T. Bush spent twenty five years building a plant so fine that the Government can't win the war without And some hundreds of thousands of men and women have spent twenty-five years rearing men o fine that the Government can't win the war without them.

That prize hen which refuses to lay much misunderstood. She is observing eggless days.

by the report of Mayor MITCHEL's com-Fortunately. not raised, and the consumer whose aged as the aboriginal Indians milk is left at his door may be comforted by the possibility of lower prices when cattle feed costs less.

ANTHONY HAWKINS has earned with he pen the knighthood that the ancient Seven Interesting Names Are Sug-HAWKINSES won with the sword

Anyway, the Democratic office seek ers who were disappointed had a nice

a boy in the training camps.

NOTON to General St. CLAIR, but his communication was as clearly expressed as if it had been "written" instend of "wrote."

invented a telescopic stage whereof the advantage, in his opinion, Patent Office, has declined to give him patent right in the invention. The inventor has put in an incomplete Corporation; FRANK A. VANDERLIP, claim. Let him amend it by specifypresident of the National City Bank ing that his device will also move

> The New York flat dweller reads "hot pursuit" of the Bolsheviki.

Hark! the trump and clarion. The land of the great and best,

Inder the great Unrest. The woes of a world that is dying Resolved and sure to win

May turn to ways of life Spino, Okla.

THE COAL CRISIS.

t Has Remorselessly Exposed Official Incompetence.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIE: NO natter how the coal situation may develop further, disastrously or otherwise. many of your readers hope that you will petents at Washington and insist upon their being separated from the pub!

of big or little interests. It is a quesion of humanity, and it is simply place see further than their noses.

he city of New York was predicted May and June and later by residents New York city and was forcibly noted to the authorities at Washington. World to-day says: "Business men not students of meteorology may not plamed for not foreseeing the unprece-Nobody could foresce, of course, the particularly acute cold spell that we are passing through, but the coal situstheless, was seen, but those in power

The official ignorance that was manifested was simply appalling. Take the report made by the Federal Trade Commission under date of May 4, 1917, to the United States Senate. It censu the public for seeking to get coal at that mand for four months coal in the single the gracle said, and then the wiseacre added: "If, on the other hand, purchases are made as usual there will be no disturbance and small chance for specustors to fleece the public."

others in the city of New York were seeking to get their orders placed. The fact is that the Federal Trade Commis sion seemed to have little more than an cademic or perfunctory interest in the situation. It did absolutely nothing of value to avert the present crisis that hundreds and hundreds of practical men in New York city foresaw, and men who but who are enlightened public spirited Trade Commission to foresee the diffiappeared to be more interested in pricer statistics, tonnage, &c : all of which had no real relevancy to making proper pre vision for needed coal distribution. to go the limit it knew where to get the derelict in the performance of its duty.

COLD COMFORT. New York, January 1.

ARE MEN TOO SERIOUS? Singular Argument for the Cup That Seems to Cheer.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir. effect of prohibition I apprehend seriously, namely, the deterioration of our wit and humor. From time immemorial wine" has always been linked with the latter and not without reason. ou ever remarked around a cold water how forced the gayety is and how pale or hollow the laughter? On the other hand, how the circulation of a bottle will make a company glow and mintillate Man, after a certain age, a naturally

Inclined to take himself and the world i too seriously and especially in this country, where the cult of business or money it on the faces of nine out of every ter elderly people you meet on the street. Life mems to weigh upon them.

Something, then, is required to cheer an up and make him forget himself The decision of the Federal Milk from time to time. Tea or coffee won't Commission to permit an increase in do it; grape juice won't do it; even he price of delivered milk was forecast tobacco won't do it. There is nothing in fact, will do it but some good old the price of "wine." Without that there is danger of Grade B and dip milk in the stores is our becoming as gloomy and sour vis-

NEW YORK, January 1.

A WAR COUNCIL.

gested Herewith.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir! In ommon with thousands of other busi- those conditions. ness men, I believe that this war is not of the right sort can be made until we basis of peace prices, while the United more money than Germany to accomplish the same ends. I fear this sort of thing cannot long continue, and that is that all the good advice imparted from why it is best to get down to a business We shall have to get there sooner or later, and the earlier the better. Here

under the direction of the President Theodore Roosevelt, William G. Mc-W. Weeks, Colonel E. M. House, Samuel

Naturally, many other names might be suggested, but it would seem to me that financial, industrial and railroad interests of the country are well repremented in the above list.

Boston, December 31.

KNITTING BAGS. Would the Cloth in One of Them

Make a Child's Dress?

be it from me to say that the knitting women are doing for our soldiers is not useful and their kind services appreclated; but I believe their knitting would be just as effective if several vards of good material were not wasted in the ugly looking bags in which women

There is enough material and labor in some of these monstrosities that look like carpet bags to make a child a dress. Women should carry their knitting in ome old wrapping paper and so take a lesson in real conservation and leave it at home when they go to concerts and so not have their patriotism look like a JAMES D. DEWELL, Jr. NEW HAVEN, Conn., January J.

Michigan Man's Marble Countenance. From the Grand Rapids News.

outh of town, attempted to correct a colt he was driving, the colt planted of his beels squarely on his nose. To his face will not be disfigured

New Year's Resolution of a Fuel Admini-

Goal.

LEST WE FORGET.

New Year Review of a Period Lamentable Demagogy and Folly in Our Federal Rallway Legislation.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Now that a new economic era seems to be dawning in the carrying trade it taight be well to record the following facts.

The transportation systems of this country, by land and water, are the Sarah Bernhardt, erstwhile scene of dere, when the military medal was achievement of skill and enterprise successes as interpreted by "la divine that has ever been accomplished in Sarah." is soon to shelter a different They gave easy access to type of Thesplan troupe. millions of acres of fertile land, and former age.

reckless characters, whose spectacular the entire French front attracted public attention, and for a time concealed the immense battles, wheat must grow together.

Until the passage of the Interstate portation facilities, both by rail and water, were provided considerably in advance of the public needs. Comand freight struggled and competed trenuously for business, and reduced especially for freight, to figures that seem amazingly low when mpared with the value of the service and with the charge for similar As a matter of fact householders and gress and the State Legislatures began to hamstring and sandbag the railroads, and no transportation company begged the public, as the Pennsylvania Roilroad Company did re-

cently, to keep off their cars. This fortunate condition prevailed not only before, but for several years passage of the Interstate Commerce and the Sherman acts, and entil the unwise and dangerous char acter of those laws became apparent hibited by a school of ignorant and perhaps malignant economists who obtained control of our politics and professed to believe that the public could be helped and the resources of the country developed by merging crime and enterprise so that no energetic man could find out whether he was a captain of industry or was in danger of the penitentiary. original Interstate Commercial

Commission was composed of large power had not been conferred. This tinue the destructive work, while the the thoughtless; small men came to holders of railroad securities began to realize that no combination of gined with the statistics, no array of facts, no argument however sound, no warning however earnest and emphatic, could make evitable consequences of their reckless should be worn. action and cowardly inaction

In nearly every State similar manistatutes to push the architects of our national grandeur from their stools and assume control of vast and important | meals in cafes. now so obvious was inevitable from

tened by the war. should be appointed and authorized by statute to fix the rate of wages, and tra, but where ordinary mortals pay sulted in unusually high prices beployment in important lines of indus- for 24. And black coffee is to be but was expressed at the spirited hald ers submit for a moment? Would self-respecting laborers themselves certs continue to work on such terms, if it were possible to avoid them? Nevertheless, a foolish school of economist have been trying to compel those who owned the transportation companies

to carry on their business under just The result of such a policy, now pain being conducted on anything like busi- fully apparent, demonstrates again ness lines, and I do not believe progress that neither the laws of nature nor the fundamental laws of trade can be get down to business. It seems more changed by acts of Congress or of ike a political than a non-partisan war. State Legislatures. In our day, as in indications would also point to the fact all ages, the people must pay by sufthat Germany is conducting war on the fering for the folly of their rulers and it makes no difference whether the States is spending three or four times people live in Mexico or Russia or in the United States.

It has been said, perhaps too broadly, the time of Æsop to Poor Richard Timely warning of the present calamity is a war council to conduct operations was given again and again, but the shouting of demagogues filled the ears of the people, and no rational step to Adoo, Frank A. Vanderlip, Senator John prevent it was permitted. We must be taught by experience sometimes by Nevertheless, an occasional reminder of the facts above recited may tend to postpone another dance of conomic follies for a few decade NEWARK, N. J., January 1.

EDWIN W. INGALLS. Railroad Regulation Up to Date.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIL How many people suffering to-day the cold can regard with equa-

nimity the past performance of the destroying the credit of the rathroads? To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Far At the present moment the poor people of New York are obliged to buy coal in pailfuls at extortionate rates. In this city the price of corn, of which country, has risen inordinately. The assured advent of car shortage and the general need for increased railroad facilities in connection with the war operations of the Government have been before the Interstate Commercial Commission for many months past. and instead of taking any adequate steps to help the railroads meet these conditions the commission has ostensibly done everything in its power to repress the expenditure of a single make suitable provision for the future. Germany can feel well satisfied with the way the commission has regulated

> times, through the provident purchase saved is two peace clear." of equipment and the making of imone provements, used to prepare for the while you are riving, and so any money plying all possible means for come at a time when materials were of all the time and labor which you gave after all is said and done. cheap, the railroads thereby expands to earn far more than the sum laid by exists. ing their systems with the greatest The Government carclessly throws away omy and becoming the particular Franklin's great discovery and substiagency for providing work for a great army of unemployed. Thus the railroads, our largest industry, in the

railroad rates.

NOTES OF LIFE IN THE FRENCH CAPITAL IN TIME OF WAR.

Revue by a Troupe of Zouaves-Official Reception of Venizelos-A Reason able Restaurant-A Touching Ceremony-Tree Planting-Pictures

From Milton V. Snyder, Parls representative of Tan Ben

wonderful and beneficent some of Victorien Sardou's greatest

This troupe is made up of about made it possible to develop our natural thirty soldiers from the First Zouave esources at a rate unequalled in any Infantry Regiment and comprises musicians, singers, actors and dancers, It is true that the performance of and under the name of "The Troupe of his splendid work developed a few the Howling Jackal," is famous along

benefits conferred by the vast majority themselves for their courage and darof daring and honest men. But that ing. Their reputation has spread so only proves that in our country, as far afield that Paris has invited them to show what they can do, and next abnegation, of great moral courage; week they will appear at the Theatre has always insisted on being with his isewhere in the world, tares and to show what they can do, and next Sarah Bernhardt for the benefit of commerce and Sherman acts trans- their comrades of Alsace-Lorraine.

The dress rehearsal of their revue was held a few days ago before an was a huge success. It is made up in part of revues already played on the rale." The authors have hidden themselves under the pseudonyms of "The Unscathed" and "The Bomb Thrower"; and they write as cleverly as though freight were not heard of before Con- their lives but compose lyrics and amusing couplets. The musicians are real artists that chance has sent to the First Zouave Regiment and their conductor is a music mad architect who is also temporarily a Zouave. The comedians, also, are Zouaves, headed by an actor from the Odeor and a former café concert singer both of them excellent. And as for the "girls" of the revue, they too have been recruited from the regiment.

All of them act like professionals and their chief charm is their unfail-These gayety. players never seem to realize that they are heroes. Sometimes death steps in and there is a gap ranks, but another Zouave quickly man and the revue goes on.

This week the municipality of Paris received at the Hotel de Ville Veni- city, a former member of the Foreign zelos, President of the Greek Council men who displayed their wisdom by of Ministers. The invitations bore the Thanksgiving Day. Trinkard and me doing little or nothing. For nine years inscription: "Frock coats obligatory." the commission supposed that it had This is an official resurrection, for were doing some fancy stunts ov power to prescribe rates, but they had since the war frock coats have village where the battalion of the Vi sense enough not to exercise it. In slumbered in closets, packed away in 1895 the Supreme Court held that the moth balls. The top hat, that is a longed was quartered. A number necessary accompaniment to this style gave Hepburn his opportunity to con- of dress, is also rarely seen these in making a nose dive, he lost control days, when soft hats and bowlers are of his machine and crashed to the leaders of our political parties were en- , he invariable rule, and morning gaged in competitive frenzy to please coats are designated as the garb to be worn at all official affairs and at the dominate the commission, and then the opera. But when Col. House and the the outbreak of the war and erlisted members of the American Mission the Foreign Legion. In 1917 Trinks republic last Monday after the closing and since then had taken part in man session of the Interallied Conference, the Elysée master of ceremonies in- just been granted a month's leave the commission understand the in- formed them that dinner jackets absence and had planned to go to No

The Paris Tramways Company has kins were also authorized by similar just opened a restaurant for its em- paintings, which was to have been playees that fills with envy other workers who are obliged to take their Georges Petit, was purchased at a coninterests far beyond their capacity to to get up satisfied from the restaurant who are believed to have acted understand or manage. The debacle table for less than 60 cents; but in this new establishment the elect will French pictures has been evident It was simply has be able to get a full meal for 30 cents, eral times since the outbreak of This will include a hors d'œuvre, meat dish, a vegetable, a piece of sale of French pictures was held cheese and dessert. Wine will be exthe hours and other conditions of em- 32 cents a quart, here it will be sold paid for the canvases. When surpr two cents a cup, while even in the lone of the art dealers said cheapest restaurants it costs three

> A touching ceremony took place last | canvases by Corot, Sisley, Dupré, Ha week at the depot of the Eighty-first pignies, Monet and Pissaro.

days when they were developing normally and were properly financed, served a philanthropic purpose in prevention of poverty. The inability the railroads to buy and expand in the years preceding the European war, due to their impoverishment by even the "structural engineer" fallthe Interstate Commerce Commission, the popular error of terming builds a was one of the causes of the large fire resistant construction "fireproof amount of unemployed labor at that is not surprising, though deplorable

President Hadley of Yale University, childlike faith the oft repeated, but some years ago, as chairman of a the less fallacious, statement that special commission on the laws which "fireproof" building cannot burn should govern the issue of railway se- therefore is beyond all peradvecurities, cautioned the Interstate Com- safe from fire perils. merce Commission that any system of regulation must allow sufficient profit been agreed that "there to the investor to attract the necessary or combination of materials and amount of capital for railroad develop-ment. The great depreciation in value | age, the application of fire of union of railroad securities to-day is in ful- duration and intensity"; therefore filment of President Hadley's prophetic term "fireproof" is a misnomer, wh

roads has now finally become the one recognizes the theoretical force of thing of paramount necessity, in order a word as "fireproof" and the pra to improve living conditions for every every day meaning of the more rest; country, in order to produce an effi-cient transportation service for the will have been made toward additional Government and to lessen financial de- rational conception of the fire profe-

May the present sufferings of the letter published in The Sun of citizens of our Land of Liberty, as a ber 24 on Mayor-elect Hylan's result of the beggaring of the railroads mendation for reenforced con reby the Interstate Commerce Commission, bring the public mind to a greater form of construction is the "only realization of the dependence of every ical and expeditious form of fire individual for his comfort and con- construction." While the writer venience upon the prosperity of our not for a moment question the there is an abundance throughout the carriers of trade, and may there be merits of reenforced concrete, be established in consequence a broad and like to call attention once more liberal policy for the development of fact that though the building [tee] these properties in accordance with the be of such a character as to be t needs of our country.

WILLIAM CHITTENDEN LUSK. New York, January 1.

Thrift Card.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: You construction with combustible are right in argina people to buy thrift let a fire start and see how far cent by any one of the reilroads to stamps, but why not urge the Govern- combustibility of the structure w ment to step exhibiting its own thrift- serve the aforesaid contents lessness on the cards themselves?

You have to carn enough to live on rush of business which was sure to which you save is fairly representative of the contents—the thing

> tutes a half truth of no importance. J. HOWARD COWPERTHWAIT.

Panis, December 12.—The Theatre Regiment of heavy artillery at La given to Brigadier (Sergeant) Aman rich, a General before the war, a sir ple soldler to-day.

At the beginning of hostilities General Amanrich, now 66 years old, aske. to be put back into service and got an inspectorship in the interior. But the old soldier was not satisfied. He felt strong and active and wanted to go to of the second class. The cita companying the decoration of Briza These men have been in all the big dier Amanrich reads: "Retired Ger everywhere distinguishing eral, freed from all military obligasoldier for the duration of the war Living example of patriotism and of distinguished himself by his course in the attacks of August and Septem ber, 1917, before Verdun.

The General-Brigadier, graduate from the front ranks of Sainta brilliant career on the General Store mander of the Legion of Honor. He ters, one in the cavelry and one

Vicomte Jehan Jourdan de Pierrefina French idea. He would have the ; ple celebrate the victory of Verdun planting trees all over France of Christmas Day, thus providing for the "Plant these trees of Verdun"

urges, "on the graves of our soldiers

in orchards, near schools, along the

national roads, in public parks where they will recall the spirit of the French resistance and the horror of the de-The Vicomite invites every French man to plant at least one tree in place of the usual ceremony around the Christmas tree, and by this act of a triotic plety avenge the trees cut down by the Boches when they retreated

from the devastated regions.

News has reached Paris of the death of Charles G. Trinkard of New York companions in the French air ser eign Legion to which he formerly ground and was instantly Trinkard and his chum, Ferdinans Capdeville, President of the was transferred to the Aviation Corair battles with the enemy. He ha

The Montaignae collection of most this week at auction at the Gal-These days it is hard vate sale by Scandinavian art deals war. At the beginning of hostilities Berlin, which, curiously

"Why not? Good pictures ways be good pictures."

"FIREPROOF" BUILDINGS Protest Against the Use of a Mis

leading Term TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SU the public in general should accept

Authorities on the subject have applied to concrete or any other for The restoring of credit to the rail- constructive material. When the woman and child in our whole ive term "fire resistant"- having

> Elwyn E. Seelye, commenting public school buildings, says that cally impregnable to all ordina conditions, this incombustibility of struction does not in any wis similar incombustibility to the bull a the contents, thereby safeguarding against destruction by fire

Thereon we find "A penny saved is a Therefore, let us make cor a penny gained," although Henjamin which house our dearest possess ravages of the flames. Railroad enterprise formerly, in hard Franklin pointed cut that "A penny nearly fire safe as is humanly posof fire resistant materials and

words, fill a building of fire co-

NEW YORK, January 1 A Winter Pessimist Knicker-What is life?

Bocker-A frozen pipe dream

